

**AMENDMENTS**  
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1 49.(currently amended) An extruded oriented film comprising a layer comprising a polymer  
2 alloy of at least two polymers P1 and P2, where the polymers P1 and P2 are at least partly crystalline  
3 at temperatures less than 100°C, where the polymer P2, in its unoriented state at 20°C, exhibits a  
4 coefficient of elasticity (E1) which is at least 15% lower than a coefficient of elasticity (E2) of the  
5 polymer P1, and the alloy comprises a dispersion of microscopically fine fibrils of the polymer P1  
6 ~~surrounded by~~ in the polymer P2, where each fibril extends substantially in one direction and has a  
7 width and a mean thickness that are less than or equal to about 5µm, and where the polymer P1  
8 fibrils are flat and substantially parallel ~~with~~ to the main surfaces of the film.

1 50.(previously presented) The film according to claim 49, further comprising a minor coextruded  
2 surface layer on at least one side of the alloy layer to enhance bonding properties and/or modify  
3 frictional properties of the film.

1 51.(previously presented) The film according to claim 50, wherein the polymer P1 comprises  
2 polypropylene, polyamide or polyethylene terephthalate, and the polymer P2 comprises a propylene  
3 copolymer, or polyethylene.

1 52.(previously presented) The film according to claim 51, wherein the polypropylene comprises  
2 a crystalline copolymer of propylene.

1 53.(previously presented) The film according to claim 51, wherein the polyethylene comprises  
2 a copolymer of ethylene.

1 54.(previously presented) The film according to claim 49, wherein the film is in the form of a  
2 crosslaminate.

1 55.(previously presented) The film according to claim 49, wherein the film is in the form of a

rope, twine or woven-tape products.

56.**(currently amended)** An extruded film comprising a layer including an alloy comprising at least two polymers P1 and P2 and ~~further comprising, in longitudinal cross-section perpendicular to the main surfaces of the film,~~ at least 4 die lines in longitudinal cross-section perpendicular to main surfaces of the film, where the polymers P1 and P2 are at least partly crystalline at temperatures under 100°C, and form separate phases in the layer, ~~where the alloy comprises~~ comprising a dispersion of microscopically fine fibrils of the polymer P1 ~~surrounded by~~ in the polymer P2, where the fibrils extend substantially in one direction, are flat, are substantially parallel with the main surfaces of the film, have a thicknesses less than or equal to about 1µm, ~~and~~ have a width at least 5 times the thickness, have a mean of the width and the thickness less than or equal to about 5µm, and where the polymer P1 has desirable barrier properties.

57.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 56, further comprising a minor coextruded surface layer on at least one side of the alloy layer to enhance bonding properties and/or modify its frictional properties.

58.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 56, wherein the polymer P1 comprising EVOH, vinylidene chloride polymers or polyamide.

59.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 56, wherein the film is uniaxially or biaxially oriented and is laminated to another oriented film, whereby the main directions of orientation cross each other.

60.**(currently amended)** A cellular expanded film made by extrusion in the presence of an expansion agent, where the film comprises an alloy of at least two polymers P1 and P2, where the polymers are at least partly crystalline at temperatures under 100°C, and where the alloy comprising a dispersion of microscopically fine fibrils of the polymer P1 ~~surrounded by~~ in the polymer P2, where the fibrils ~~extends~~ substantially in one direction, are flat, have a thicknesses less than or equal to about 1µm, and have a width at least 5 times ~~its~~ their thickness, and have a mean of the width and the thickness less than or equal to about 5µm.

1 61.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 60, wherein the film is uniaxially or  
2 biaxially oriented and is laminated to another film, where the main directions of orientation cross  
3 each other.

1 62.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 60, wherein the film is in the form of rope,  
2 twine or woven-tape products.

1 63.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 60, wherein the film is in the form of split  
2 fibre products.

1 64.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 60, wherein the polymer P2 in its  
2 unoriented state at 20°C exhibits a coefficient of elasticity (E1) which is at least 15% lower than ~~an~~  
3 a coefficient of elasticity (E2) of the polymer P1.

1 65.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 56, wherein the polymer P2 comprises a  
2 copolymer of propylene or polyethylene.

1 66.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 56, wherein, in the alloy, a weight  
2 proportion of the polymer P1 is in the range 5 to 75 %.

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1 96.(previously presented) The film according to claim 49, wherein the width of the fibrils is at  
2 least 10 times the thickness.

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1 98.(currently amended) An extruded oriented film comprising:  
2 a layer including:  
3 a polymer alloy comprising:  
4 a dispersion of microscopically fine fibrils of a polymer P1 surrounded by a  
5 polymer P2,  
6 where the fibrils extend substantially in one direction, have a thickness less  
7 than or equal to about 1 $\mu$ m, have a width at least 5 times the thickness, have  
8 a mean of the width and the thickness less than or equal to about 5 $\mu$ m, are  
9 flat, and are substantially parallel with the main surfaces of the film, and  
10 where the polymer P1 and the polymer P2 are different and are at least partly  
11 crystalline at temperatures less than 100°C, and  
12 where the polymer P2, in its unoriented state at 20°C, exhibits a coefficient  
13 of elasticity (E1) which is at least 15% lower than a coefficient of elasticity  
14 (E2) of the polymer P1.

1 99.(previously presented) The film according to claim 98, wherein the film further comprises a  
2 minor coextruded surface layer on at least one side of the alloy layer to enhance bonding properties

3 and/or modify frictional properties of the film.

1 100.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 99, wherein the polymer P1 comprises  
2 polypropylene, polyamide or polyethylene terephthalate, and the polymer P2 comprises a propylene  
3 copolymer, or polyethylene.

1 101.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 100, wherein the polypropylene  
2 comprises a crystalline copolymer of propylene.

1 102.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 100, wherein the polyethylene comprises  
2 a copolymer of ethylene.

1 103.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 98, wherein the film is in the form of a  
2 crosslaminate.

1 104.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 98, wherein the film is in the form of a  
2 rope, twine or woven-tape product.

1 105.**(currently amended)** An extruded oriented film comprising:

2 a layer including:

3 a polymer alloy comprising:

4 a dispersion of microscopically fine fibrils of a polymer P1 surrounded by a  
5 polymer P2,

6 where the fibrils extend substantially in one direction, have a thickness less  
7 than or equal to about 1 $\mu$ m, ~~and~~ a width at least 5 times its thickness, and  
8 have a mean of the width and the thickness less than or equal to about 5 $\mu$ m,

9 where the polymer P1 and the polymer P2 are different and are at least partly  
10 crystalline at temperatures less than 100°C, and

11 where the polymer P2 in its unoriented state at 20°C exhibits a coefficient of  
12 elasticity (E1) which is at least 15% lower than a coefficient of elasticity (E2)  
13 of the polymer P1, and

14 locations of rupture of the polymer P1 fibrils,  
15 where the locations of rupture extend in a substantially linear fashion across the film at an  
16 angle to the direction of orientation of the fibrils and comprise the polymer P2.

1 106.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 105, wherein the film further comprises  
2 a minor coextruded surface layer on at least one side of the alloy layer to enhance bonding properties  
3 and/or modify frictional properties of the film.

1 107.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 106, wherein the polymer P1 comprises  
2 polypropylene, polyamide or polyethylene terephthalate, and the polymer P2 comprises a propylene  
3 copolymer, or polyethylene.

1 108.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 107, wherein the polypropylene comprises  
2 a crystalline copolymer of propylene.

1 109.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 107, wherein the polyethylene comprises  
2 a copolymer of ethylene.

1 110.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 105, wherein the film is in the form of a  
2 crosslaminate.

1 111.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 105, wherein the film is in the form of a  
2 rope, twine or woven-tape product.

1 112.**(currently amended)** An extruded oriented film comprising:  
2 a layer including:  
3 a polymer alloy comprising:  
4 a dispersion of microscopically fine fibrils of a polymer P1 surrounded by a  
5 polymer P2,  
6 where the fibrils extend substantially in one direction, have a thickness less  
7 than or equal to about 1 $\mu$ m, a width at least 5 times the thickness, have a

8                    mean of the width and the thickness less than or equal to about 5μm, are flat  
9                    and are substantially parallel with the main surfaces of the film,  
10                  where the polymer P1 and the polymer P2 are different and are at least partly  
11                  crystalline at temperatures less than 100°C, and  
12                  where the polymer P2 in its unoriented state at 20°C exhibits a coefficient of  
13                  elasticity (E1) which is at least 15% lower than a coefficient of elasticity (E2)  
14                  of the polymer P1, and  
15                  locations of rupture of the polymer P1 fibrils,  
16                  where the locations of rupture extend in a substantially linear fashion across the film at an  
17                  angle to the direction of orientation of the fibrils and comprise the polymer P2.

1    113.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 112, wherein the film further comprises  
2    a minor coextruded surface layer on at least one side of the alloy layer to enhance bonding properties  
3    and/or modify frictional properties of the film.

1    114.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 113, wherein the polymer P1 comprises  
2    polypropylene, polyamide or polyethylene terephthalate, and the polymer P2 comprises a propylene  
3    copolymer, or polyethylene.

1    115.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 114, wherein the polypropylene comprises  
2    a crystalline copolymer of propylene.

1    116.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 114, wherein the polyethylene comprises  
2    a copolymer of ethylene.

1    117.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 112, wherein the film is in the form of a  
2    crosslaminate.

1    118.**(previously presented)** The film according to claim 112, wherein the film is in the form of a  
2    rope, twine or woven-tape product.